

REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register:	23 August 1999
Name of applicant/court:	Secretary for Internal Affairs
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Not Applicable
Title of Publication:	Lollipop~1.jpg
Other Known Titles:	Not Stated
Director:	Not Applicable
Producer:	Not Applicable
Publisher:	Not Applicable
Author:	Not Applicable
Format:	Computer Printout (Image)
Country of Origin:	Not Stated
Language:	English

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Components of film originally examined: Not Applicable.

Feature:	Running time:
Trailers:	Running time:
	Total Running time:

Excision/Alteration: Not Applicable.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable.

Display Conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: Not Applicable.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The computer printout (image) entitled *Lollipop~1.jpg* is classified as:
Objectionable.

The computer printout tends to promote and support the infliction of extreme violence.

The publication is a computer printout of an illustration downloaded from the Internet and printed out onto an A4 size sheet of white paper. The title is typed across the top of the page along with information in brackets describing the dimensions of the image and the type of graphic file format.

The computer printout presents a woman who has had her arms, legs and right breast sliced off. She has been impaled on a stick which protrudes from her vagina. The word "Lollipop" appears to her left. There is little context within which to place the image.

The computer printout presents the infliction of extreme violence in a manner intended to titillate the viewer. By representing the naked woman as distressed and vulnerable, the publication implicitly suggests that inflicting extreme violence upon a person is sexually titillating. The storing of the image as a computer file, which is readily copied onto computer disk or transmitted for storage or reproduction on other computers, allows for wide distribution of the image nationally and internationally. Given all of these characteristics, the Classification Office is of the opinion that the purpose of this publication is for entertainment and sexual gratification. The publication therefore tends to promote and support the infliction of extreme violence as outlined under s3(2)(f) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 (FVPC Act) and is deemed objectionable.

The publication has been found to tend to promote and support an activity listed in s3(2) of the FVPC Act. This provision overrides s14 of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 (NZBR Act) because it is a deeming provision which cannot be given a meaning that is consistent with the rights and freedoms set out in that section of the NZBR Act.

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